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A BURGER King has been severely damaged by fire. An investigation is being carried out into the cause of the blaze at the restaurant in Albert Street, Bletchley. See more on page 9.



## 'We're not safe here'

- Gang using 'fear and intimidation'
- Residents demand 'action now'
- Police working on estate safety

BY CHRIS KNIGHT  
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A RESIDENT fears it is only a matter of time before someone gets killed by a gang terrorising their estate.

Dozens of Fishermead residents gathered at the Trinity Centre to raise their concerns with members of the local policing team.

It is claimed the gang of Somalian origin – which is believed to include adults, teenagers and children as young as six – are harassing and intimidating people in Gurnards Avenue, Pencarrow Place, Penryn Avenue and Pothleven Place.

A resident – who was too frightened to be named – has lived in Gurnards Avenue for 29 years and is demanding a 'robust' police response.

Speaking to OneMK, they said: "Over the last three years it has got a lot worse. We are being taken over by this gang through fear and intimidation.

"We can't walk down a redway, over a bridge and certainly not through an alleyway.

"We are not safe here. Without a robust policing response, someone is going to get killed."

Fishermead Residents' Association organised last Tuesday's meeting and chairman Terry Baines believes Thames Valley Police need to act now.

He said: "When I hear people tell me they are afraid to come out of their homes in 2016, it rings alarm

bells in my head. We need action now. Until residents start to see that happening, the confidence in the police, which is already low, will become zero."

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police stressed it is 'working to keep the community safe',

adding investigations are underway and the new information is being acted upon.

Sgt Richard Colson of the neighbourhood policing team, who was present at the meeting, added: "We really encourage residents to always report any suspicious incidents to police on 101, or to 999 in an emergency."

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Support: MK Storehouse manager Alan Smith and volunteers opened their doors to families in need on Thursday

# Free uniforms for families in need

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**A CHARITY is handing out free school uniforms to families in need in the city throughout the month of August.**

Milton Keynes Storehouse, based in Stacey Bushes, provides good quality second-hand clothing to anyone in need from school age up to adults.

The uniforms, which have been donated by schools, individuals and churches across the city, are available to any family in genuine need for both boys and girls in different sizes in the run up to the new school year.

MK Storehouse opened its doors to visitors on Thursday morning and about 20 families visited to take advantage of the generous offer.

Alan Smith, manager of the Storehouse, said: "We want to pass on

items from those who no longer need them to those who really do and help take some of the pressure off families who need a bit of support.

"The day was a success. The feedback was good and it felt like we made a good impact."

"The first lady who came in said she had no idea how she was going to afford uniforms for the new school year."

The next opportunity for families in need to take advantage of the offer is on August 25, when the Storehouse will be setting up shop in Netherfield Chapel in Broadlands from 10am until 2pm.

If demand is high, Mr Smith has indicated there may be another chance to host an extra morning before the end of the summer.

To donate, or volunteer at MK Storehouse, email [contact@mkstorehouse.com](mailto:contact@mkstorehouse.com) or call 01908 233725.

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## Jeremy Corbyn targets key election seats

THOUSANDS of people turned up for a Jeremy Corbyn rally in Station Square on Saturday.

At the Jeremy for Labour campaign event in MK – a key general election target seat – Mr Corbyn set out his plans to rebuild and transform Britain.

In a speech he said: "I am

honoured to be welcomed to Milton Keynes, a thriving new town that covers two of Labour's key target seats for our general election effort.

"During this campaign I have put forward my case for a Labour party that in government ensures no-one and nowhere is left behind. "Milton Keynes, like many

communities, faces a severe housing crisis – house prices stand at eight times the average income and homelessness has doubled since 2010. The existence of such issues is why I have pledged to build one million houses in five years, 500,000 of which will be council housing."

# Search for bus station tenants

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**A PLACE for the homeless, a skate park and a base for community-minded organisations are some of the suggestions that have been made for the old bus station.**

Formerly known as the Buszy, the Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) has appointed commercial property agents Kirkby Diamond to find tenants to use the building in Station Square, CMK.

The building has been empty since The Make a Difference charity that ran it was forced to leave after MKDP took back control of the parking outside the venue, which was the source of revenue keeping The Buszy open.

While the building is listed and there may be some limitations on what it can be

used for, it offers opportunities for a variety of uses subject to planning permission being granted.

In preparation, MKDP has recently completed a deep clean of the interior and specialist cleaners have removed the illegal graffiti painted on the outside of the building.

MKDP development surveyor Peter Molloy said: "The building's status as an asset of community value means we

will look particularly favourably on community based activities in some of the space, while also looking to attract other complementary uses to increase day to day activity.

"The ground floor of the property lends itself well to retail or café operations with the first floor being a 'blank canvas'."

Interested parties can call Nick Bosworth of Kirkby Diamond on 01908 678800.



New beginnings: What should be at the old bus station?

### oneMK briefs

#### Missing teenager

POLICE were yesterday appealing for the public's help to find missing 14-year-old Gemma Walsh. She was last seen at her home in Forfar Drive, Bletchley, at 3.30pm on Monday. Anyone with details can call 101.

#### 'Invasive' turtle

AN AMERICAN turtle labelled an 'invasive' species has been spotted at Furzton Lake. To see pictures, visit [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

#### Rail fare rise

CITY commuters will be hit with a 1.9 per cent rise in rail fares from January. More at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

## OAP's purse taken in robbery

AN ELDERLY woman had her purse snatched in a robbery in Bletchley.

Between 6pm and 6.30pm on Friday, the 74-year-old victim was walking between the back of Wilkinsons and Stephenson House off Locke Road when she was pushed from behind.

The offender stole her purse

before running off towards the bus station. The victim suffered three broken fingers and a broken wrist.

The offender was wearing a black hooded top with the hood up, black skinny jeans and white Converse trainers.

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

## Private evictions doubled

SHOCKING new statistics have revealed private rental evictions have more than doubled since 2011.

In MK, 99 private renting households were evicted by bailiffs in the last year, equivalent to 247 people,

representing a rise of 111 per cent in the last five years.

Campbell Robb, chief executive of Shelter, said:

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# Fishermead fears

**WE HAVE been inundated with comments about our story on a gang targeting Fishermead in CMK.**

**Here is a selection of your views. Join in the debate at [facebook.com/OneMKNews](https://www.facebook.com/OneMKNews) or email [letters@onemk.co.uk](mailto:letters@onemk.co.uk)**

**Sarah Walker:** "I live in Fishermead and yes there most certainly is a problem. "It isn't a safe place at all!"

**Brian Barlow:** "This is the first I have seen about it (recently) so I don't know what else has been reported about it, but hopefully the police can do something about it. I am just aware that it can be a dodgy area. "People should not have to live in fear."

**Claire Louise:** "I think Fishermead is one of the worst estates. "The amount of crime we hear about. I definitely wouldn't feel safe walking through Fishermead by myself or even in a group – day or night."

**Leilani Simpson:** "There has been a problem for over a decade, both of my sons have been attacked by gangs who were trying to rob them, in separate incidents."

**Mohammad Ali Choudhary:** "I pass through Fishermead almost every second day and I have never once noticed any gang in that area."

"I am sorry to say this, but it seems to me that the local residents are feeling uneasy because there are a lot of people in Fishermead who have a Somali background who are still viewed as troublemakers simply because of their skin colour."

"I am sure that the most 'scary' thing about Fishermead is a group of teenagers who probably had drunk a lot of beer. But again, this is just my view, I might be wrong."

**Dominic Pallares:** "I've lived in Fishermead for 26 years now and I wouldn't say it's that rough."

"Yeah it's got crime, but hasn't everywhere got crime?"

**Olivia Hope:** "Police are scared to confront these yobs. "Everyone should feel safe where they live."

**Gemma Spencer:** "I left Fishermead because I could see where this was going more than two years ago after my partner got stabbed."

"No police on the streets and concerns not being taken seriously from residents."

"I can see nothing's changed. Thank God I got me and my children out when I did."

"That place will never change until the authorities at least acknowledge that there is a gang problem."

**Rhiannon Forbes:** "I can say this is 100 per cent true."

"The police are scared to confront or do anything about these people and it is quite frankly disgusting."

**Rebecca Pumford:** "The whole city needs more police officers."

"It's completely unacceptable that this kind of thing exists in this day and age."

"Policing should be more of a priority so these types of gangs can't exist."

**Sarah Walker:** "My son's been mugged, a friend of a friend's husband was stabbed in the arm, my daughter's been made to feel

uneasy and I've been called names, followed and one time I thought they were going to chase me."

"Something drastic needs doing now!"

**Helen Wilson:** "Fishermead has always had a problem with drugs and organised criminal activity."

"The colour of the perpetrator's skin does not matter, it's a deprived area and a hotspot for crime and drugs."

**Milly Mand:** "Back in the 80s Fishermead was lovely and safe, now I don't recognise it and avoid it like the plague."

"I feel for residents – it's not fair."

**Chris Petch:** "I grew up in Conniburrow, which is twinned with 'the mead'."

"You couldn't pay me to go back there."

**Frances Mangan:** "Fishermead isn't all bad and there are some nice people here."

**Darius Cusack:** "Nothing will change."

"Nothing will get done about it. "And someone got killed a couple of years ago."

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**Paul Griffiths**

His column written exclusively for OneMK



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## Ex-PCSO misconduct charge

A FORMER police community support officer (PCSO) has been charged with misconduct in public office and data protection offences.

Michael Billingham, 29, of Commodore Close, Brooklands, was arrested on January 27 and was charged on Thursday by officers from Thames Valley Police's

Professional Standards Department Counter Corruption Unit. He faces three counts of misconduct in public office and two counts under Section 55 of the Data Protection Act 1988.

The charges are in connection with alleged incidents of misuse of the force's computer systems to

research three domestic violence victims.

Mr Billingham was employed by the force from 2007 and based at Bletchley Police Station. He resigned on June 23, 2016.

He was bailed and is due to appear at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on September 8.



Outrage: Kaye Robertson-Smith, left, and her sister Leigh Smith at the memorial for Serena

## Upset at ban of memorial items

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A BEREAVED sister has slammed plans to remove memorial items and renovate a Garden of Remembrance for children.

Milton Keynes Council has announced plans to replant flower beds at the space at Crownhill Crematorium and has asked families to remove all memorial items except paid-for plaques ahead of the work.

Once the replanting has been completed, these removed items will not be allowed back in order to allow for maintenance of the space.

Kaye Robertson-Smith, 26, who lives in CMK, regularly visits the site with family to remember her sister Serena, who died as a newborn 18 years ago.

And she fears the garden will no longer be a space for remembrance once the replanting is completed.

She said: "The sentiment here needs to be left alone."

"Why have they not notified and consulted people? It just happens that people have turned up and seen the signs."

"Some people have plaques, others don't. We don't have one for Serena and when these 'improvements' are done we won't have an

area for her." The work is expected to begin in late September or early October and Kaye has spoken to other families about petitioning against the plans.

A council spokesman said: "We have had a number of complaints from families who visit this shared remembrance garden about the need to tidy up and refresh this area."

"We are contacting memorial owners to speak on how we might move this forward."

"We don't want to upset anyone – and when we have finished these improvements we hope it will be a pleasant and peaceful place where people can come and reflect."

## Focus on jail for camera thief

A BURGLAR has been sent to jail after stealing a digital camera from a home.

Anthony Ash pleaded guilty to one offence of burglary when he appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court last Monday and was sentenced to five years and four months behind bars.

As well as the camera, he also stole a gold cross when

he broke into the unoccupied property in Aspreys, Olney, sometime between January 28 and February 17.

The 44-year-old, of Booth Meadow Court, Northampton, is already serving a three year term for other burglary offences carried out in Olney and this sentence will run

concurrently. Investigating officer Det Con Chris Bigg, of Force CID based at Milton Keynes Police Station, said: "Ash caused distress to his victims when he broke into their homes, particularly targeting Olney residents."

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# 'Severe damage' caused by blaze



**Blaze:** The investigation into the cause remains ongoing, but an accident is considered most likely

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**AN INVESTIGATION** has been launched after a fast food restaurant was engulfed by flames.

Firefighters were called to tackle the blaze at Burger King in Albert Street, Bletchley, at 11.51pm on Sunday.

Crews from Bletchley, Broughton and Great Holm attended the scene.

The roof and ground floor of the restaurant have been left 'severely damaged' by the fire. Debris was strewn across the car park and guttering was left hanging from what was left of the roof.

A spokesman for Burger King said: "We can confirm that no-one was injured at this restaurant."

"The franchisee, who independently owns and operates this location, is complying with the local fire department to ensure our guests' continued safety."

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's investigation into the cause is ongoing, but it has indicated that at this stage in its inquiries it is likely the blaze was started accidentally.

At the time of going to press it was unclear when repair work would begin, or when the restaurant is expected to reopen.

Meanwhile, firefighters were called out on Monday morning to tackle their second takeaway fire in less than 12 hours.

Crews from Bletchley and Newport Pagnell were called to reports of a fire at Deep Blue fish and chip shop in Woburn Sands at 9.53am.

The fire in Station Road was out when they arrived, but the crews worked to remove smoke from the premises.



**Flames:** Bucks Fire and Rescue Service tweeted this image of the blaze at Burger King in Bletchley

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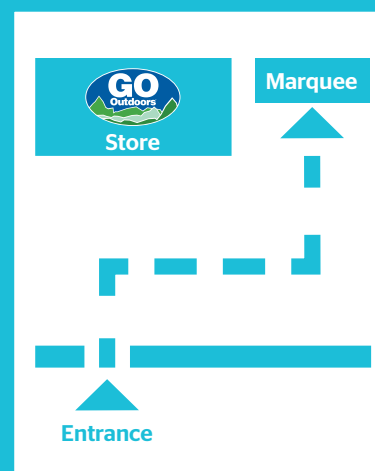
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Helpful: From left, Grant Deering, Giles Deering and Paul Deering are all part of the team at D.E Turneys, which donates its unwanted food to Faith Dimensions church to feed the homeless

# Food for thought

BY CHRIS KNIGHT  
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A BAKERY has received praise for donating its unsold food to help feed the homeless.

D.E Turneys, based in Serpentine Court, Bletchley, is a family-run business that first opened its doors in 1848.

Since the start of last year, rather than throwing its unwanted food out, the bakery has been making twice-weekly donations to local church Faith Dimensions.

Emma Whale, who co-ordinates the church's work with

the homeless community, believes D.E Turneys' regular contribution is making a 'massive difference'.

She said: "The bags this week were literally bursting they were so full! Their donations are such a blessing."

"I was accompanied by an elderly lady on my last collection and she could not believe how much one place was giving to us."

Faith Dimensions collect an average of five to seven sacks full of food from D.E Turneys each week and hands it out along with other donated items outside Iceland at The

Food Centre every Saturday from 7.45pm.

Giles Deering, joint owner of the bakery, says the business is considering ways it can do even more to help the city's homeless.

He added: "People are becoming homeless more and more often - it is worryingly becoming the norm."

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A total of 100 volunteers took part on Thursday and covered a marathon 26 miles.

Ken Tomkins, a local McDonald's franchisee, said: "This is our third event and we are overwhelmed with the support we have received."

Lovin' it: Managers and staff filled more than 100 recyclable bags

# 'Fire safety is a serious matter'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT  
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THE owner of a HiMO (house in multiple occupation) and her husband – who helped run the home – have been fined more than £27,000 for serious breaches of fire safety regulations.

Mahin Begum Choudhury and Ajjezur Rahman Irshad appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court for sentencing on July 29 in

connection with offences brought under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

They had each pleaded guilty to 10 charges at a earlier hearing for failing to take adequate fire precautions in respect of the premises in Ferndale, Eaglestone.

These included no fire-fighting equipment and risk assessment and an inadequate fire warning system. They were fined a

total of £27,485.08. Station Commander Ian Wilson, head of fire safety enforcement in Milton Keynes, said: "As this case clearly demonstrates, complying with fire safety legislation is not optional."

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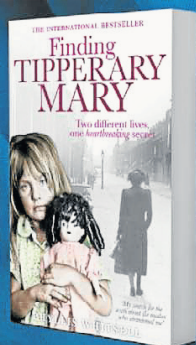
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## Adding colour to community

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**Team work: People in Stony Stratford have worked on the art that will go on hoardings in front of fire-ravaged buildings**

# Machine killed 'happy' worker

BY SCOTT KIRK AND CHRIS KNIGHT

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**A FRIEND of the man killed at a recycling plant in Old Wolverton has paid an emotional tribute to him.**

Rafal Swiadek, 42, of Victoria Road in Bedford, who was born in Poland, was found dead at the Milton Keynes Material Recovery Centre in Colts Holm Road where he worked on August 8.

The inquest into his death opened on Thursday and it was revealed he was killed by a machine he had entered to clean as CCTV footage showed him getting into it at the time. He was found by a colleague after he did not turn up for his taxi home, the inquest was told.

A friend of Mr Swiadek's, who asked not to be named, said: "Rafal was a good, supportive friend."

"He never wished any bad to

anyone and was always trying to help everyone.

He was happy, full of joy and had big plans for the future.

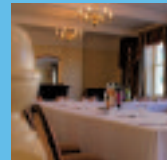
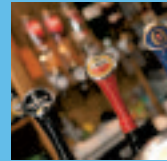
"We are all going to miss him."

"It was a tragic, shocking incident and the thoughts of all of his friends are with his family."

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**Scott Kent**  
Technical Analyst

None of us have a crystal ball and we do not know what will happen around the corner. Therefore it is imperative that you review what cover you have in place; you may find that it is not adequate for your family and your needs.

You may not be aware but protection cover can also help your children/grandchildren after death when your estate is distributed according to the instructions of your will. As an example, if a married couple had a large estate that was liable to Inheritance Tax, if they arranged what is known as a Whole of Life cover to pay out

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The message I am making clear is that regardless of whether you are a young family starting up, your children are soon to leave the nest, or if you are approaching retirement, you should get your estate and protection policies reviewed to rest assure you have the correct cover in place.

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## Independent curries favour

THE Kardamom Lounge in Stony Stratford has been named Independent Restaurant of the Year for 2016 in The Buckinghamshire Food and Drinks Awards.

Owner of the Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant Akbar Ali said he 'couldn't thank his wonderful customers enough' for the prize.

He added: "Without them taking their time to vote this would not have happened."



Winners: Owner Akbar Ali, left, and employee Romel Chowdhury, right, receive the award from presenter Alan Clarke

# Bike scheme helps you to Get to Work

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**A UNIQUE scheme is aiming to get unemployed people back into the work saddle.**

Milton Keynes Council's Get to Work initiative was launched on Monday at the Netherfield Job Club.

It aims to provide bikes and training to help unemployed people get to work and interviews, and learn new skills.

The project includes training, courses and a year's membership to the Santander bike loan scheme to get people back on track.

Participants can become cycle mechanics by earning a qualification through a free Cytech course.

A council spokesman said: "Lack of transport can make it much harder for people on low incomes to apply for jobs that are not local."

"By giving these people

access to free bikes, more job opportunities are possible."

The scheme is also supported by the Neighbourhood Employment Programme, Job Centre Plus and Nextbike.

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## New hospital part of city's future plans

A SECOND hospital has been suggested as part of the council's ambitious plans for the city's future.

In the Plan:MK Strategic Development Directions Consultation document, the possibility of a second hospital to serve both Milton Keynes and Bedford is raised as part of the long-term vision.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "Every proposal will be carefully considered and consulted upon before the draft plan goes to councillors for a decision on what to include in the version for public consultation."

Councillor Alice Jenkins, chairwoman of the health and adult social care committee, added: "We've been working hard on the council to ensure residents are getting the best care possible and the facilities available locally are able to meet the population demand of Milton Keynes."

"Plan:MK proposes new homes and with new homes will come more residents."

"Regardless of how healthcare is provided, it will be crucial that NHS England plans effectively to meet the need of our residents in the future, be that in the form of a new hospital, or the continued expansion of our existing hospital."



Development: Councillor Edith Bald at the site of the proposed development for new homes to the west of Milton Keynes

## 'Our views must be heard'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT  
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**THE potential development of 2,000 new houses must meet the needs of residents.**

That's the view of Councillor Edith Bald, who

represents Tattenhoe and the community sat on the doorstep of the proposed site between Whaddon and Kingsmead.

This week she has assured residents the plans are just the first step of a long process, adding: "We will be

saying that MK planners must be involved from the outset so they can represent the interests of our city."

As OneMK previously reported, the draft local plan published by neighbouring Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has

recommended a site in Shenley Road, Whaddon, for 2,000 houses as part of a massive regional expansion.

The draft also includes the allocation of traveller sites on land opposite Causter Farm in Nash and on Fairview in Stoke Hammond.

### WHAT YOU HAVE SAID

**William Grist:** "Anyone who moved to MK in the 70s knows that most housing built here was for rent at council house rates. These new houses should all be for local authority rental exclusively for MK residents. As for traveller sites, I don't see the need – most travellers prefer parkland or play areas anyway."

**Mark Blake:** "2,000 homes are very much needed to try and help the housing crisis. But as long as they are much more affordable for renting as well as buying. But to have a travellers' site? A big fat no. They don't contribute to anything when they stay. So put that land to some good use."

**Steven Sharp:** "I'm against it. Anyone that travels from the west across MK in the mornings will know how bad the traffic is. My taxes should be spent on doing up current areas that will make it better for my children and children's children. Any additional affordable housing should be built closer to the M1 not expanding out towards our ever decreasing country fields and areas."

**Sam Jeffs:** "Comments that are focused on the proposed traveller sites are missing the bigger issue. It's completely disingenuous of AVDC to stick a large settlement next to MK where the residents are going to use many more MK services but not contribute towards them, while AVDC gets away with getting the taxes but not having to provide as many services."



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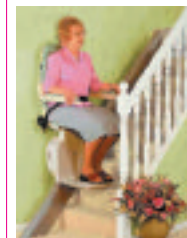


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# Olympics is wheel good for business

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A COMPANY has supplied one of its restored second-hand bikes to an Olympian.

BG Bikes, based at Gavin Vanner's home in Hornbeam, Newport Pagnell, has been running for just over four years.

Mr Vanner began the business with just £300 having been made redundant from his previous job.

But now the firm is going from strength to strength and, as well as supporting Kenyan Olympian Jess de Boer, the company will display its secondhand bikes at The Cycle Show – a prestigious event taking place at The NEC in Birmingham from September 22-25.

It is a big step for Gavin, who owns the company with his wife.

He said: "With my experience in cycling my wife and I thought it would be a good idea to see if I could buy a bike and refurbish it to a good standard and sell it on. That was in December 2012.

"The following six months



A handle on things: Gavin Vanner of BG Bikes with his bicycles, which he restores and sells on from his Newport Pagnell home

saw me invest and reinvest the money until we began branching into better bikes; then specialising in women's specific bikes and bespoke bikes made to order.

"We have now sold more than 400 bikes; I still work from home and operate from a large shed in our back garden. I employ a part-time mechanic and get help from friends.

"We never intended to be in this position. I saw that there

wasn't anyone offering this. There are secondhand motorcycle, car and van dealerships but no secondhand cycle dealers!

"We recognise that cycling is vogue. Our small team are all cyclists and my wife is a multiple Iron Man triathlete; we just want to embrace new cyclists by offering them our knowledge and by doing so selling them a bike that could be as much as £1,000 cheaper than a new one."

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Smokin': From left, Cheryl Keeley, Jo Hawkins-McDowell and Tess Wellman getting in the spirit ahead of the festival

# Changes to Cotton Valley plan pulled

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**ALTERED plans for a waste transfer centre and concrete plant at Cotton Valley Sewage Works have been withdrawn.**

The controversial scheme in Willen was given planning permission in March, but construction industry supplier Mick George then submitted a revised application and residents raised concerns it would bring more dust and

noise near their homes.

When the altered application was put forward last month, Milton Keynes councillor Catriona Morris, who has been part of liaison meetings with the company, urged Mick George to stop changing its plans.

Jon Stump, finance director for Mick George, accused people of scaremongering and said the company was 'truly amazed at the adverse response' to the third appli-

cation. The statement from Mr Stump said: "We have been truly amazed by the adverse responses received to our proposals.

"It has not been helpful to local residents to read 'scare mongering' comments, suggesting variables that have simply not been proposed.

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# Burglar in jail for string of crimes

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On Friday a planning inspector reversed the authority's decision.

Milton Keynes councillor Alice Bramall, who covers the area, said: "It's bitterly disappointing that the council's planning committee's democratic decision has been overturned. I know how high the level of concern is within the community. It's the council's policy that has ultimately let us down and I will now be doing all I can to see it changed."

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A MAN has been sent to jail after committing burglaries in the Milton Keynes area.

Robin McCoy, 28, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to one offence of burglary at a dwelling when he appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court.

He was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison at the same hearing, which took place on Monday, August 8.

On June 17 between 8am and 6.30pm, McCoy forced entry into a home in Hanslope by smashing the conservatory windows.

He did not steal anything from the property.

McCoy was arrested and charged on July 12.

A further 11 burglary and theft offences across Milton Keynes, Aylesbury and Bedfordshire were taken into consideration during the court case.

Thames Valley Police's investigating officer, Detective Constable Sam Reynolds from Milton Keynes Local



Behind bars: Robin McCoy

CID, said: "This sentence sends a clear message to those who commit these type of offences.

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# Vests top for dodgy summer workwear

**BY SCOTT KIRK**  
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**AS TEMPERATURES in the workplace continue to soar, new research has revealed that people in Milton Keynes are putting functionality before fashion.**

A study of 2,000 adults by HSS Hire, the national tool and equipment hire company, found that 49 per cent of Brits say colleagues dress

inappropriately when the sun comes out with more than 26 per cent of men in Milton Keynes and in the South East sporting vests to stay cool.

The top five items of inappropriate clothing worn in the workplace by people in Milton Keynes were vests (26 per cent), flip flops and socks (23 per cent), short shorts (20 per cent), Crocs (15 per cent) and linen trousers (six per cent.)

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# ‘We can help to prevent poverty’

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A CAMPAIGN has been launched to raise awareness of the dangers of borrowing from loan sharks.

Bite Back Week is the product of a collaboration between The England Illegal Money Lending Team, Milton Keynes Council, YourMK and Swan Credit Union.

People are being urged to avoid loan sharks and report

the crime if they have suffered as a victim.

Charlie Davies, community partnership officer for YourMK, said: “Working with the Illegal Money Lending team to establish the Bite Back Week in Milton Keynes helps us to focus on early intervention, with a locally provided service that can help prevent future poverty.”

“This has been a very positive experience and allowed us to work together to support

residents in the area.”

On Monday and Tuesday, local agencies began spreading the awareness campaign in Netherfield and Tinkers Bridge.

Posters were put up on noticeboards around the estates and information leaflets on loan sharks distributed to Queen Eleanor and Langland primary school students.

Approximately 310,000 households across the country are in debt to a loan shark.

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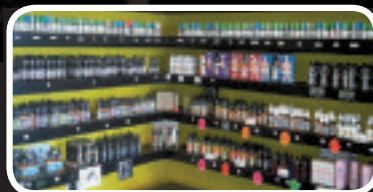
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# Marilyn is goating to be a dairy star

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A WOMAN is to be the face of more than one million cartons of goat dairy products following a nationwide search.

Marilyn Hearn, from Two Mile Ash, was selected after writing to St Helen's Farm to explain how goats' milk products have helped her to maintain a low cholesterol diet while easing her acid reflux.

Marilyn was first prompted to research goats' milk when a friend recommended that she varied her dairy intake, and after reading about the health benefits, she decided to start using it as part of her diet.

Marilyn, said: "I'm amazed at how creamy goats' milk tastes and how well it suits my diet; the transition from cows' milk was surprisingly easy. It's frustrating that coffee shops don't widely offer it, as I

usually have to settle for soya milk, which I'd never use at home.

"It's a huge shame that more people aren't aware of goats' milk - you don't need to have a health issue to enjoy it and it tastes great. I feel so much better just for varying my dairy intake."

Vicky Unwin, marketing manager at St Helen's Farm, said: "Marilyn is a great example of someone who is feeling the benefits of making the switch from cow to goat dairy and we urge everyone to give it a try."

"We started our carton stars programme to help showcase real life case studies and spread the word about cow dairy alternatives."

"It's wonderful to hear that goats' milk is helping our customers with their health and wellbeing."

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Carton star: Marilyn Hearn with one of the St Helen's Farm products

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# Snapper caught in Madeira fires

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**A PHOTOGRAPHER was caught up in the forest fires that were sweeping through Funchal in Madeira, Portugal, last week.**

Andy Handley, who lives in Two Mile Ash and works for OneMK, said that a shopping centre was evacuated because of the heat and wind due to the fires plaguing the city.

"The hotel has ash falling on it and some guests are wearing face masks," added Mr Handley, who is on holiday at the resort.

Three people are confirmed to have died and a thousand people were evacuated from homes and hotels in the area.

The three who died were believed to be elderly people who were trapped in their homes.

A fourth man also reportedly died in the flames.

Several buildings were destroyed, including a five-star hotel called Choupana Hills.

Firefighters were treated for



**Ablaze: OneMK photographer Andy Handley took this snap as fires engulfed Funchal in Madeira, Portugal, last week**

smoke inhalation as thousands of them tried to deal with the fires, which initially began on August 5 with weeks of dry conditions and temperatures over 35 degrees Celsius not helping.

The north of the mainland has been worst hit.

The fires were so bad that the Government triggered the EU Civil Protection

Mechanism, which enables other European states to help out as they tried to deal with the situation.

Several people have been arrested on suspicion of illegally starting the fires.

President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and Prime Minister Antonio Costa went to the island last week to visit those affected.

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## Ironbridge Gorge Victorian Christmas

A journey into Christmas past  
Departing 2 December 2016

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# Book launched to remember the Rugby World Cup



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**THE Living Archive has launched a book and website to encapsulate the Rugby World Cup.**

Inspired by Milton Keynes hosting three games at stadiummk last year, including

one attended by Prince Harry, Living Archive embarked on a Heritage Lottery Funded project to capture the sport locally.

One year on and the charity has a book, website and 10 digital stories that highlight the passion, courage and sense of community inspired

by the game of rugby.

Mud, Sweat and the Rule of Law by Marion Hill and www.rugbyheritagemk.org.uk invites you to take a look at rugby in the area.

It features stories and facts from 1870 to the present day, with contributions from Milton Keynes' local clubs, ladies' teams, schools and the more recent events of the Rugby World Cup, the Web Ellis Cup Tours and Fanzone events in 2015.

It helps further the legacy of the Rugby World Cup in Milton Keynes and last year's mayor Cllr Keith McLean believes more residents are interested in the sport thanks to the tournament.

He said: "There has definitely been an increase of awareness of rugby in Milton Keynes and this book will assist that."

"There is certainly more people talking about rugby."



**Memory lane:** Louise Roche and Melanie Jeavons with copies of the book that features pictures, like those below and left, stories and facts about the game of rugby from 1870 to the present day



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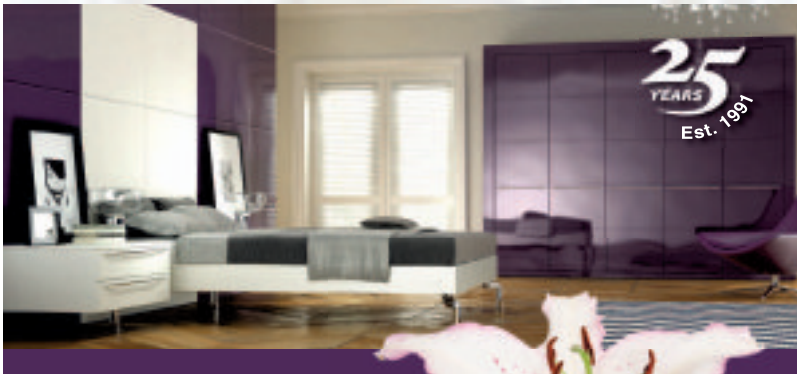
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Crafts for Christmas at the NEC, Birmingham is the place to come for all your Christmas inspiration this year. From food and drink to gifts and home decorations, there is plenty to see and be inspired by. There will be a host of fabulous features on offer; inspiring craft workshops from the Women's Weekly team to enjoy; and some special show offers too.  
Leaves MK at 09.00am and returns at 17.00  
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Price includes return coach travel and entrance fee into Craft for Christmas.

**Festive Gift Fair**  
**Friday 11th November**



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Leaves MK at 9.00am leaves NEC Birmingham at 5.00pm  
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**Winchester Christmas market**  
**Wednesday 7th December**



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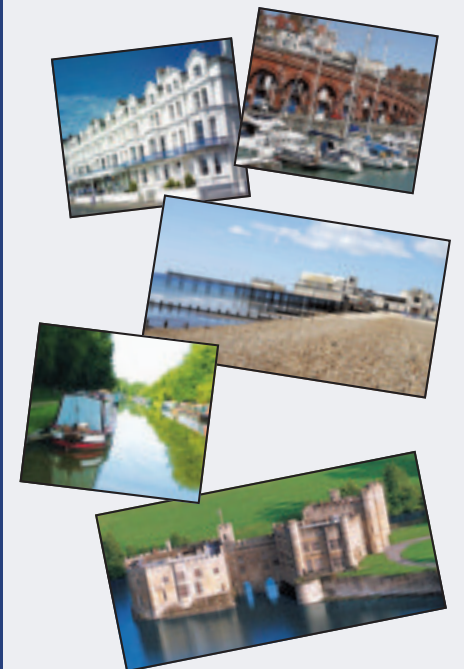
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**SUZANNE** 50, tall blonde, works hard, plays harder, lots to offer the right male, seeks confident man who thinks he could handle her. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422841

**SABINA**, 35, outgoing attractive brunette, fit and carefree just looking for fun times without complications, maybe more later. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423003

**KERRY** 39, independent curvy brunette, sensual, tactile, loves cuddles and kisses, seeks cheeky, spontaneous guy to keep her company and make her smile again. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423059

**ATTRACTIVE** energetic mature lady, looking for well-travelled, solvent companion for holidays, dining out and days away. Text only Mailbox: 5502846

**KATHY** 40ish, passionate, outgoing, adventurous red haired lady looking for adventure, seeks tall good looking guy for a relaxed no strings relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423005

**ELAINE** 51, petite, naturally sexy, very feminine, seeks calm male to share a loving 1-2-1 relationship with. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422489

**PAT**, petite blonde lady, GSOH, young looking for her age, seeks genuine gent any age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422393

**RITA**, seeks a genuine male for friendship, days out, shes very friendly, genuine and social, give her a call ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422403

**ATTRACTIVE** Suffolk mid forties female seeks male, 39-59, for coastal walks, dog walking and motor sports. Must have GSOH! Text only Mailbox: 5482094

**ANNA** 43, sensual blue-eyed blonde, slim and vivacious, loves to wine and dine seeks tall, dark male for good conversation, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422713

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**ROGER** young minded, 67, very adventurous, looking for a lady 40 years old upwards who is smart and would like to enjoy times with me. Text only Mailbox: 5350823

**IAN**, 56, kind hearted, likes anything in life, WLTm female early to late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

**WIDOWER** young outlook, genuine, caring and considerate gent, GSOH WLTm a genuine lady, similar age. Text only Mailbox: 5503258

**BOB**, young at heart, active 66 year old widower, genuine, honest, caring and considerate gent with a GSOH, WLTm a genuine kind and caring lady, who like me would like a LTR, ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423115

**RICHARD**, 39, tall, blue eyes, black hair, likes gardening, jigsaws, long walks, animals, socialising, looking to meet a female for friendship initially and see where it leads to. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423499

**BEN**, kind caring gent, 37yrs, very tall and well built with curly black hair. Own home, good job, just missing a special lady. Text Only Box: 4158248

**RYAN**, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cambs area. Text only Mailbox: 4886067

**MALE**, 56, kind-hearted would like to meet female early or late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

**CHRISTIAN** gent, friendly and bubbly, goes to church every Sunday, hobbies include motor sports, cycling, playing snooker/darts, taking my dog for a walk, WLTm friendly and outgoing lady. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422379

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**CLIVE** 60, single gent, looking for open-minded lady about 60-80, looks not important, for mutual fun. Text only Mailbox: 5450831

**BLACK** male, 50, bubbly personality, WLTm plus size white female, for friendship leading to possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422573

**MALE** 68, easygoing, semi retired, likes walking, cinema, eating out, driving, watching most sports, WLTm lady 55+. Text only Mailbox: 4856527

**NIGEL**, 51, married, looking for someone local, for regular fun times and a possible relationship, please get in touch. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422947

**ADRIAN** 47, seeks easy going female for fun times. Text only Mailbox: 4756333

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**MIKE**, 64, outgoing person, enjoys life, likes sport, cricket, nice meals out, holidays, WLTm someone to share interests and quality time. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422329

**JAMES** 44, 6ft blue eyes and single, looking for that special lady for LTR. I enjoy walking, visits to the pub and animals. Text only Mailbox: 4359515

**AGELESS** guy who's lived several lifetimes, looking for a woman he can cherish, and who'll take care of him in return. 30-50. Text only Mailbox: 5480502

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**SLIM** fit friendly single male 45 WLTm genuine single lady 25-40 for friendship fun and hopefully LTR. Norfolk Suffolk area. Text only Mailbox: 4417158

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**gay seeking**

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**BI** male 54, friendly, honest, quiet nature seeks male for friendship and fun 50+. Text only Mailbox: 5444217

**63YR** old bi male seeks Asian male for lots of fun times. Text only Mailbox: 4172093

**MUSCULAR** bi guy, 48, seeks weekday fun with a Milton Keynes guy, any age/size/colour. Cannot accommodate. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422697

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## Proms hit high note

**SOPRANO Jeni Bern is the soloist for this year's Proms in Campbell Park with the Milton Keynes City Orchestra (MKCO), which takes place on Friday.**

Jeni will perform a repertoire of opera and musical show favourites, including I could have danced all night from My Fair Lady, Climb Ev'ry Mountain from The Sound of Music and Puccini's O Mio Babbino Caro.

Throughout her career Jeni has won awards, including a Wingate Scholarship and the prestigious President Emerita Award, and has also performed regularly on BBC Radio 2's iconic Friday Night is Music Night.

Marian Livingstone, chairman of MKCO, said: "Jeni is excited to be working with our international music director Damian Iorio at

our amazing Proms in Campbell Park, which goes from strength to strength each year. We are delighted to present such quality performers to our MK audiences.

"This year we have also enhanced the sound and lighting quality, installed a big screen to bring the audience closer to the performance and there is a new twist with the dramatic firework display at the end."

Jeni's powerful soprano voice will also lead the audience in the rousing finale featuring Jerusalem, Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory.

Tickets for the concert, which takes place from 8-10pm, cost £15 for adults, £8 for children and £38 for a family.

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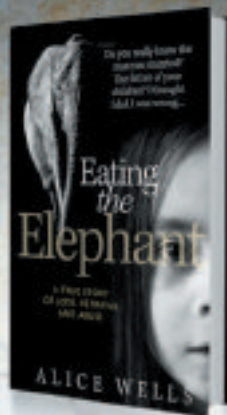
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**EXCITED by rugby at the Rio Olympics? Inspired by the sell-out games here in Milton Keynes at last year's Rugby World Cup?**

Well get yourself to Franklin's Gardens in Northampton on Saturday, September 3 to get behind the Saints as they open their Aviva Premiership campaign against Bath.

This is a clash of two of England's most historic and ambitious clubs and the Saints – who won the Aviva Premiership in 2014 – are bringing out

the big guns to try and regain the title in 2016/17.

The Saints finished the last campaign in fifth position, 20 points behind eventual champions Saracens.

French international icon Louis Picamoles has joined a squad that already included the likes of England captain Dylan Hartley and British and Irish Lions superstar George North, not to mention a load of other international players too.

Northampton will be hoping to make home advantage count in their opening fixture, ahead



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of trips to face Bristol and champions Saracens.

And MK LIFE has teamed up with the Saints to give one lucky reader each day for the next week the chance to win a pair of tickets for this game, which kicks off at 3:30pm.

For your chance to win, all you need to do is answer this question:

**Who are Northampton Saints playing in their opening Aviva Premiership fixture?**

A. Harlequins

B. Bath

C. Wasps

If you're not lucky don't worry, because you can still book your tickets at [www.northamptonsts.co.uk/buytickets](http://www.northamptonsts.co.uk/buytickets).

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Alternatively send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to OneMK, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, August 24. The editor's decision is final

## jasonbourne

**MATT Damon is back in Jason Bourne – and this latest film is every bit as good as the others in this franchise.**

He doesn't do much talking, but he has a remarkable presence on screen and the action sequences are so good that you can see why the James Bond films have taken on some of the elements that have made Bourne so popular.

Tommy Lee Jones is also absolutely fantastic in the film as he resurrects his role as CIA director Robert Dewey.

The storyline moves along at a decent pace – one of the great things about these films are the number of different locations they go to.

Alicia Vikander is also proving herself a versatile actress after her performances in Ex Machina and The Danish Girl and her role in this film as an ambitious cyber expert is played very well.

Definitely worth a watch.



Scott Kirk



## ianmcnabb

**MERCURY Music Prize nominated artist Ian McNabb is one of the great singer-songwriters to emerge from the 80s Liverpool music scene.**

Founder and lead singer with chart toppers The Icicle Works, famous for the UK and US top 40 hits Love Is A Wonderful Colour and Whisper To A Scream (Birds Fly), McNabb has gone on to enjoy a critically-acclaimed solo career.

His latest release is Kruggerands, primarily containing re-recordings of previously released tracks.

Ian will be at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 from [www.thecraufurdarms.com](http://www.thecraufurdarms.com)







## artattack

**THERE is lots happening at Milton Keynes Arts Centre over the next week with free artist-led workshops for all ages.**

Starting tomorrow Ibiye Camp, pictured, will be asking you to Design Your Playground.

Participants will be exploring themes of nostalgia and collaborating together to install a playground on the gallery floor of the centre, which is based in Parklands.

On Thursday, August 25 Alex Brenchley will offer a playful approach to exploring colour and texture through collage and pattern making.

People will have the option of taking part as individuals, or as a team, using paper, paint, scissors and glue to make their design.

Each workshop takes place from 11am to 3pm and booking is essential on 01908 608108.



**MK LIFE'S animal expert AMY CONVERSE, from Vets4Pets in Bletchley, tells readers about a common condition in dogs and how to spot it in your four-legged friend**

**ARTHRITIS is a condition that is common in dogs.**

It is thought that 65 per cent of dogs between the ages of seven and 11 have the condition.

Signs of arthritis may be stiffness and limping, but there are others which may be present that a owner may not always associate with it.

These include a change in sleeping or eating patterns, slowing down or differences in behaviour.

Many times clients feel their dog is 'just old' but some of the symptoms they describe to me are actually signs of chronic pain due to arthritis.

If you suspect your pet may have the condition it is best to see your vet.

There are many ways to

approach treating arthritis. Some treatments involve drugs, but this doesn't necessarily have to always be the only solution.

A multimodal approach usually works best to treat chronic pain. There are excellent drugs that can be used long-term in dogs, which include anti-inflammatories.

However, your vet may also recommend such things as joint supplements. Other treatment methods include hydrotherapy, laser therapy and acupuncture. If your pet is overweight, usually weight loss is strongly advised as well.

Treating arthritis in your pet may give them a new lease of life, making them able to enjoy the activities they once used to do.

## go country

**THE saying is 'everything is bigger in Texas' and that applies to describing the powerhouse country vocals of SaraBeth.**

Born and raised in Dallas, she is a contemporary country singer-songwriter who is making her mark in Nashville as the sweetly southern artist with an edge.

The smart, beautiful and talented songstress is earning fans with her spirited vocals and energetic live performance.

SaraBeth will be performing at The Stables in Wavendon alongside British country music talent Glenn Mitchell.

Since moving to Nashville in 2001, Glen has toured with many of its finest artists.

The pair will be performing on Sunday at 8pm and tickets cost £14.50.

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## hospicezumba

**MAKE some moves and raise vital funds for Willen Hospice.**

Whether you're new to Zumba or a seasoned pro, the Willen Hospice Zumbathon is for you.

Taking place in Middleton Hall (outside John Lewis in the centre:mk), two incredible instructors have been lined up to deliver an hour-and-a-half of workouts.

MKFM will be providing the tunes to move to so get your friends together, go along and enjoy a fun work out to help raise funds for the hospice, which provides vital end of life care.

To book a place at the Zumbathon, taking place on Sunday, September 18, visit [www.willen-hospice.org.uk](http://www.willen-hospice.org.uk)

Tickets cost £10 in advance, or £12 on the day. Registration takes place at 9am and the event starts at 9.30am.

Minimum age 16 years. Those aged 12 and over are welcome if accompanied by an adult.



## happydays

**JAMES Cordon's Car Pool Karaoke is one of our favourite things on TV and we are really looking forward to next Thursday when the latest instalment will air in the US featuring none other than Britney Spears!**

She revealed last week that she has already filmed the sequence. She tweeted: "Took a ride around LA with @JKCorden did a little #CarpoolKaraoke Watch the @latelateshow on 8/25 to see it!"

August 25 is significant as it's the day before her new album is released. She will be following in the footsteps of Stevie Wonder, Adele, One Direction, Sir Elton John, Justin Bieber and Michelle Obama!

We have a new presenter joining us on Heart! Matt Jarvis left us in May and we are thrilled to announce – exclusively here in MK LIFE – that Gareth Wesley will be joining us on Monday. He will be on air from 4-7pm Monday to Friday and 1-5pm on Saturday. We'll be celebrating his arrival by giving away new iPad Mini's on his show every afternoon next week!

Finally, Heart's Happy Summer Days continues. Every day at 11am and 2pm we're giving you the chance to win up to £10,000. Keep listening to Heart to win!

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## acousticnight

**MK GALLERY'S acoustic nights showcase the best emerging singer-songwriters and instrumentalists currently active on the vibrant Milton Keynes music scene.**

Through these events the gallery aims to provide a supportive space for musicians to perform, meet peers and generate greater awareness of the wealth of talent hiding in plain sight in our city.

Confirmed acts on the night include Manny and the Coloured Sky, pictured above, Nicole Collarbone, Wade, Billy Nomad and Kurt Stanford.

The event takes place tomorrow at 7.30pm and entrance is free.





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## take that

**A TAKE That tribute act will perform at Whittlebury Hall on Friday.**

Starting at 7.30pm, enjoy a three-course set dinner before the Take That Experience takes you through the band's greatest hits from 9.30pm.

Tickets cost £49, including dinner and a bottle of wine. To book call 0845 400 1406.

## bronxbeats

**THE legendary Grandmaster Flash will be at MKII in Kiln Farm on Friday.**

The Bronx born hip hop artist was the first DJ to be recognised in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and he has had a platinum album with his band The Furious Five.

Tickets for the gig, which starts at 8pm, cost £19.50 from [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com)



## podpeek

**A FAMOUS driverless pod will make its way to The National Museum of Computing tomorrow.**

Experts from the Transport Systems Catapult will be on hand to explain how the vehicles work and perhaps hazard a guess as to when we'll be able to buy one for ourselves.

The museum, which is located on the Bletchley Park site, is open from 10.30am to 5pm. Entry fees vary – see [www.tnmoc.org](http://www.tnmoc.org)



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## filmfrenzy

**THE Parks Trust's free two-day open air film festival returns to Campbell Park on Saturday and Sunday.**

Labyrinth (U) starring David Bowie will be shown on the wide screen on Saturday at 3pm, while Guardians of the Galaxy (12) will be on at 6pm.

On Sunday Inside

Out 2015 (U) will

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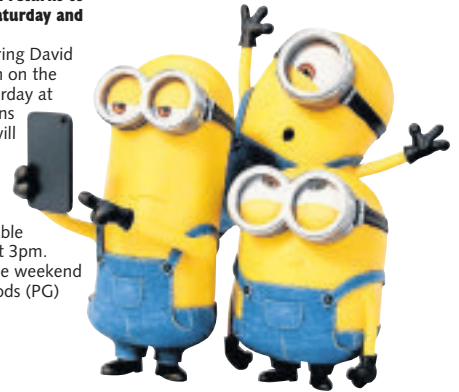
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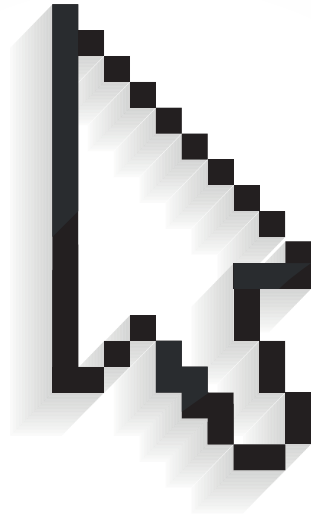
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## Make tracks to town with a rich history

Plans are steaming ahead to develop **Wolverton**, which is renowned for its railway heritage and being home to the Royal Train. But there is much more to the town, as reporter Chris Knight finds out

Now a constituent town of Milton Keynes, Wolverton possesses a rich history that even predates the railways.

Recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, the original medieval settlement was situated just to the north of the area's current location.

But it wasn't until the Industrial Revolution that the Wolverton we see today began to take shape.

London and Birmingham Railway

Company began work on Wolverton Works in 1838 to sit in the centre of the London-Birmingham route and housing, schools and a church were built for the workers.

Neighbouring towns such as New Bradwell, Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford also grew as a result and the Works became home to the Royal Train, used to transport senior members of the British Royal Family.

With the decline of the railway, steps have been taken to regenerate Wolverton in recent years. Developer St Modwen is in the planning stages of redeveloping the Works by building up to 375 new homes, a heritage centre and new food store.

And after much controversy, plans to demolish Wolverton Agora shopping centre were recently approved by Milton Keynes Council.

### ■ House prices

According to RightMove, the majority of property sales in Wolverton in 2015 involved terraced housing and these sold for an average of £191,438.

The same website states flats were sold for an average price of £137,208 and semi-detached

homes managed to raise an average of £245,681.

These averages rank Wolverton far cheaper than many nearby areas in Milton Keynes, including Great Holm and Stony Stratford.

### ■ Parks

Wolverton's Secret Garden is a must-see for any visitor who enjoys taking in the outdoors. A once vacant lot of land by the canal has now been completely transformed into a park with beautiful flowers and wildlife.

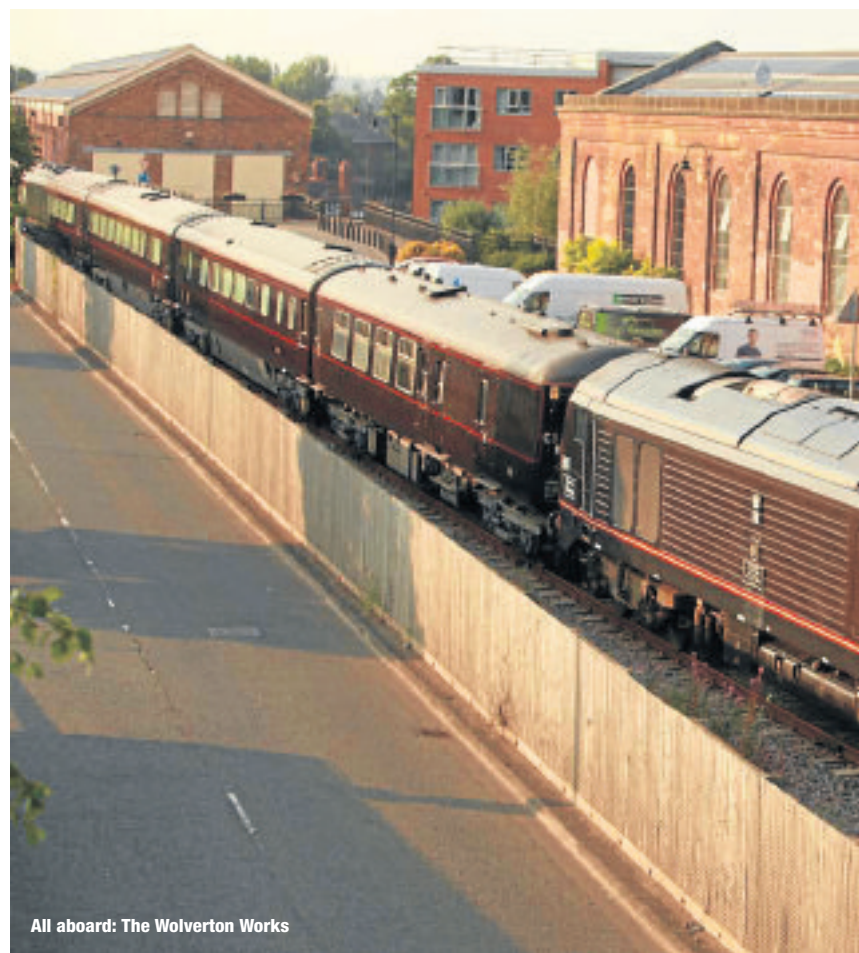
If it is a nice spring or summer's day, the Wolverton Walk is a 2.5km trail that leads walkers on a historical tour of the town and past landmark buildings.

And just a short drive down the road is the Stony Stratford Nature Reserve, located between Queen Eleanor Street and the A5.

### ■ Attractions

As if living in a place of such rich heritage wasn't enough, Wolverton also boasts Milton Keynes Museum.

Rated as one of the top attractions in the entire city on TripAdvisor, the museum in McConnell Drive regularly stages a number of holiday and period events and plans are in place



All aboard: The Wolverton Works

for an expansion.

The Craufurd Arms in Stratford Road regularly hosts some of the best local and national acts and the Victorian pub provides a small stage for more intimate and intense performances.

Wolverton is renowned for hosting a number of events and festivals throughout the year and none are more prestigious than the Lantern Festival in December, where music is played and lights take over the streets.

The Scarecrow Festival in

September has recently become an annual tradition and numerous imaginative creations line the town's streets.

### ■ Leisure facilities

Wolverton has plenty to offer for all ages. For sports fans, there are bowls, cricket and tennis clubs and Wolverton Swimming and Fitness Centre, which has recently been built in Addington Avenue.

The town football club is currently searching for a new ground or a temporary ground share after recently being evicted

from their site in Field Lane in nearby Greenleys.

For those not into their sport, the Old Bath House has been converted into a community centre that plays host to a number of groups and events for young and old alike.

Wolverton Scout club is the oldest in the county after forming in 1908. Based in Furze Way, children aged from 10 to 14 years meet every Friday evening.

A youth service is also provided by the 2532 Milton Keynes Squadron – a division of the Air



Despicable: The Scarecrow Festival is held every year

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Let there be light: The Wolverton Lantern Festival is one of the highlights of the events calendar



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- Wolverton is twinned with Belgian village Ploegersteert – about two kilometres north of the French border – and representatives from each regularly visit one another to celebrate the partnership. The twinning came about through the discovery of Albert French's letters, a 16-year-old soldier from Wolverton, pictured, who served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps for eight months in the First World War. He was killed by machine gun fire near Ploegersteert.
- Wolverton Town football club's stand, built in 1899, was believed to be the oldest covered football stand in the world. After a redevelopment of the area, a replica now stands on the original site in Wolverton Park.
- All that is visible of the former medieval settlement of Wolverton is the Norman motte and bailey castle next to the Holy Trinity Church in Old Wolverton Road.



Training Corps. Numerous aeronautical subjects are discussed at the site at Millmead Hall in Haversham Road for those aged from 13 to 20.

### Shops

As a throwback to its Victorian heritage, Wolverton is full of small boutique and independent shops.

In the town, there are plenty of charity and book shops and ones for niche hobbies. Day-to-day essentials can be bought at a number of places dotted around the town.

And of course, there is also the Tesco superstore in McConnell Drive, while plans are in place for a Lidl to be opened as part of the regeneration of the Works.

For those looking to support the local economy, the Farmers' Market comes to town every first and third Saturday of the month with an assortment of produce.

Neighbouring industrial estates Old Wolverton and Stacey Bushes provide a variety of choice for people looking for garages, furniture and more.

### Pubs

Just as there is a wide choice of fast food outlets and shops, there are also plenty of places to grab a well-earned drink in the town.

The Galleon in Old Wolverton Road – which recently donated land to OneMK's charity of the year The Henry Allen Trust in order to create a park in Henry's name – stages monthly LGBT-themed nights.

Wolverton House in Stratford Road is another popular choice, while you can also get drinks at The Craufurd Arms, The New Queen

Victoria and The North Western.

### Restaurants

Fans of fast food will simply love living in Wolverton. Popular chains such as Dominos, KFC and Pizza Hut are scattered across the town.

There's also a variety of independent establishments – primarily in Church Street and Stratford Road – that offer traditional fish and chips, kebabs, pizza and more.

For a more conventional sit-down meal, Akasaka and Braai Shack are both highly-rated local restaurants.

### Schools

Bushfield School is the closest for younger children, but there is also Greenleys First and Greenleys Junior nearby.

The primary school in Moon Road received a 'good' rating in its last inspection in March 2015.

Slated Row School in Old Wolverton is a special school for children aged between four and 19.

For the older children, The Radcliffe School in Aylesbury Street West is the secondary school for the area. In the latest Ofsted report

– produced from inspections on November 3 and 4, 2015 – the school was told it requires improvement.

### Commuting

Wolverton is connected to Milton Keynes by the V5 (Great Monks Street) and the V6 (Grafton Street) and also possesses rail links to Milton Keynes Central and Bletchley.

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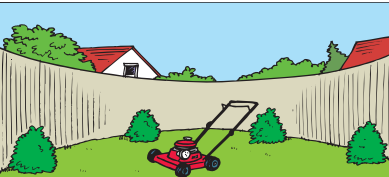
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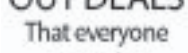
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#### Milton Keynes Council

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above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

#### SECTION 73

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#### WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Refurbishment and extension to derelict buildings at 12 Union Street,  
Newport Pagnell

Erection of single dwelling at 45A Northampton Road, Lavendon, Olney

First floor side and rear extensions (resubmission of 16/01340/FUL) at 17  
Church Lane, Loughton

New external seating to serve the adjacent Costa coffee store at 37 High  
Street, Stony Stratford

Advertisement consent for 1 x illuminated fascia logo sign, 2 x non-  
illuminated wall mounted aluminium panel signs and 1 x non-illuminated post  
mounted aluminium panel sign at 62 High Street, Newport Pagnell

Tree preservation order consent to prune back all branches overhanging  
garden of 16 Welchman Court to source by up to 4 metres to 1x twin stem  
Ash (T1) at southern boundary of site; prune back overhanging branches to  
source by up to 3 metres and remove major deadwood (>25mm diameter) to  
1x Ash (T2) at The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley

**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

Conversion to Public House/Restaurant (A3/A4 use) including internal  
alterations to layout, external alterations including replacement roof to rear of  
existing building and demolition of existing external staircase to outbuilding,  
single storey side extension and extension to connect existing outbuilding to  
main building, alteration to existing public right of way and creation of lift and  
stairs from public right of way to access site, erection of 2.2m solid fence to  
rear of site and associated other works at 18-20 St John Street, Newport  
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Listed building consent for the conversion to Public House/Restaurant (A3/  
A4 use) including internal alterations to layout, external alterations including  
replacement roof to rear of existing building and demolition of existing  
external staircase to outbuilding, single storey side extension and extension  
to connect existing outbuilding to main building, alteration to existing public  
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**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13**

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Systems Ltd, Garamonde Drive, Wymshurst

Erection of a decked car park over the existing car park with associated  
landscaping at Oak Park At Former Centric Mx, Foxhunter Drive, Linford Wood

Variation to conditions 1 (plans), 7 (transformer station), 8 (security fencing),  
14 (drainage), 15 (lighting management plan) attached to planning permission  
15/01791/FUL at Hyde Farm, Warrington Road, Olney

Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for residential  
development of up to 150 dwellings, estate road, open space and associated  
works at Land Off Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope

**DEPARTURE FROM LOCAL PLAN**

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**TITLES OF INTENDED TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (ROAD & FOOTPATH CLOSURES):-**

1) The Council of the Borough of Milton (Severn Drive and Trent Drive (parts), Newport Pagnell) (Temporary Restrictions) Order 2016  
2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads or Parts of Roads in Bassett, Bleak Hall, Bleasby, Broadwater, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, and Shenley Church End) (Temporary Closures) Order 2016  
3) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads and Parts of Roads in Woburn Sandes and Wolverton) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from waiting or loading along the following lengths of road in order to safely hold the Newport Pagnell Civil War Re-enactment:

The following lengths of road will be restricted on 28th August and 29th August 2016 (Between 09.00 and 18.00):-

- Severn Drive, Newport Pagnell – From its junction with Trent Drive to its junction with B526 Tickford Street.
- Trent Drive, Newport Pagnell – From its junction with Severn Drive to its junction with Dove Close.

Any person committing a breach of the above temporary traffic regulation Orders will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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The following lengths of road will be closed on 31st August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Annelsay Road, Newport Pagnell – From its junction with Purcell Drive to its junction with Cherry Road.
- The above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via the Purcell Drive, The Grove, Carrington Road and Cherry Road (and vice versa)
- Dodington, Beanhill – From its junction with V7 Saxon Street to its junction with Maslin Drive.  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via V7 Saxon Street, Wastel and Maslin Drive (and vice versa).
- Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall – From its junction with Summerson Road to the Bilfa Depot  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via V6 Grafton Street.

The following length of road will be closed on 1st September 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Denbigh Hall Drive, Bletchley – From its junction With Standing Way to its junction with Denbigh Hall.
- Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Trafalgar Avenue, Kincross Drive, Kincardine Drive, Sutherland Grove and Whaddon Way (and vice versa).
- Denbigh Hall Drive, Bletchley – From its junction with Rimsdale Court to its junction with Melford Drive.  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Drayton Road, A4146 and Stoke Road (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 2nd September 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

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Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Bradwell Common Boulevard, V6 Grafton Street and H5 Portway (and vice versa).
- Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End – From its junction with Burchard Crescent to its junction with Fortescue Drive.  
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The following length of road will be closed from 5th September 2016 to 7th September 2016:-

- Stratford Road, Wolverton (its rear access road) – From its junction with Cambridge Street to its junction with Radcliffe Street.  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Cambridge Street, Stratford Road and Radcliffe Street (and vice versa)

The following length of road will be closed from 7th September 2016 to 9th September 2016:-

- Rusell Street, Wolverton Sandes – Its entire length.  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A5130 Station Road and Weathercock Lane (and vice versa).

Any person committing a breach of the above temporary traffic regulation Orders will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion routes can be viewed at [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org).

**TITLES OF MADE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (ROAD & FOOTPATH CLOSURES):-**

1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads or Parts of Roads in Central Milton Keynes, Healdens, Middleton, Olney and Wolverton) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16th August 2016 made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles and pedestrians from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:

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- Cresswell Lane, Central Milton Keynes – At its junction with Midsummer Boulevard.
- Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via the South side access road for Midsummer Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard (and vice versa)
- Churchill Street, Wolverton – From its junction with McCorquodale Road to its junction with Anson Road.
- Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via McCorquodale Road, Stratford Road and Anson Road (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 25th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- East Street, Olney – Its entire length  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Silver End, A509 High Street and Holes Lane (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 26th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Silver End, Olney – From its junction with High Street to its junction with Palmers Road  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A509 High Street, Holes Lane, East Street and Palmers Road (and vice versa).
- Clairidge Drive, Middleton – From its junction with Bowling Leys to its junction with H7 Chaffron Way  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H7 Chaffron Way, V11 Tongwell Street and Griffith Gate.  
The alternative route for Walton Road will be via H7 Chaffron Way, V11 Tongwell Street, Griffith Gate and Broughton Road.

The following length of road will be closed on 30th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Langcliff Drive, Healdens – From its junction with East Dales to its junction with Aldergill  
Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative will be via Arncliffe Drive.

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Any person committing a breach of the above temporary traffic regulation Orders will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

**TITLES OF PROPOSED PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS:-**

1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads, Central Bletchley and Fenny Stratford) (Consolidation of Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2002 Variation Order 2016

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Order will affect all classes of vehicles and have the following effect:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Queensway, Central Bletchley;
- The introduction of short stay parking (1 hour maximum stay, no return within 2 hours) restrictions along parts of Brooklands Road, Cambridge Street, Queensway and Westfield Road, Central Bletchley;
- The introduction of motor cycle parking facilities on part of Queensway, Central Bletchley

The above proposals come as a result of the new link road between Queensway and Princes Way which includes new one-way traffic systems and additional parking facilities.

The above proposed restrictions will help to alleviate obstruction and encourage a safer environment for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons badge holders.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 55, Abingdon Road, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley, MK4 1LY, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the Network TRO Manager, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY to be received no later than 7th September 2016 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-156.

**TITLES OF MADE PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS:-**

1) None

The public notices for the above closures can be viewed in full at: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/roads-highways-and-pavements/public-notices>.

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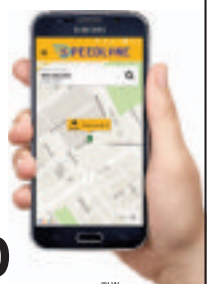
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## Fresh look for new Fiorino



**By: Chris Russon**

IT was the van that established a new segment in the commercial vehicle market and now the Fiat Fiorino has been updated to make it even more user-friendly.

The new Fiorino retains the compact dimensions that make it nimble in cities, agile in traffic and easy to park, without sacrificing any of its remarkable load capacity of up to 2.8 cubic metres or payload capacity of up to 660kg.

The new model introduces some modern design touches inside and out,

with new features that deliver top class performance, low running costs and good levels of comfort and functionality.

In terms of style, the front bumper of the new FIAT Fiorino has been completely redesigned in line with the rest of the Fiat van range while retaining the high-mounted headlamps that are a characteristic of all Fiorinos.

New 15-inch wheel covers and 15-inch, diamond finish, burnished alloy wheels completes the external revisions.

The new Fiorino retains its squared-off load compartment accessible through

large rear doors that open to 180 degrees.

The door handles can be approached from either side and opened with minimal effort. Functional options includes a folding, retractable passenger seat which can be used as a desk or folded flat to carry objects of up to 2.5 metres in length.

The passenger compartment has also been revised to make it more comfortable and ergonomic.

A redesigned steering wheel is available with remote stereo controls and leather trim, as is and gear knob and boot.

The instruments cluster gets new graphics with permanent backlighting for better visibility and a new, more functional storage compartment has been added to the dashboard.

A new five-inch colour touchscreen infotainment system is also offered for the first time, with Bluetooth, USB/AUX port and available satellite navigation and DAB radio.

The line-up of engines - all Euro 6 - features two turbo-diesel 1.3-litre MultiJet II engines with outputs of 80 and 95hp as well as a 77hp 1.4-litre naturally-aspirated petrol unit.

A new EcoJet version employs additional fuel-saving technologies such as start/stop, a "smart" alternator and a variable displacement oil pump.

Paired with a robotised transmission - the only van in this class to offer such a transmission - the FiorinoEcoJet is capable of 74.3 mpg with emissions of 100g/km - a fuel saving of up to 14 per cent compared to the manual transmission without EcoJet.

The latest Fiorino has all the safety systems of its predecessor, including ABS with EBD, ESC complete with traction a hill start assist functions as standard. Parking sensors and front passenger and side airbags area available as options.

For drivers who need to tackle rough terrain or simply want to take on the winter weather there is an Adventure version which comes with 15-inch wheels with mud-and-snow tyres, a raised suspension, oversized body protection, a front bumper with skid plate and Fiat's Traction+ electronic differential lock system which assists driving in low-grip conditions.

The new Fiorino is available in cargo and combi body styles and is priced from £11,315, excluding VAT.

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## DS 3 Cabrio 1.6 BlueHDi Prestige

**By: Robin Roberts**

VOTING and surveys are all the rage these days, so let's have one for the DS 3 Cabrio.

Does soft-top or hardtop move you? Ok, how about a sort of between-Brexit model we'll call a Cabrio.

DS parent Citroen has always taken a walk along the wild side with its models and styling in a French left-bank sort of way, so the DS 3 Cabrio is entirely natural.

What's not natural is a comparatively wide range which puts other makers to shame and means the DS 3 Cabrio buyer has almost as much choice as the DS 3 hardtop chooser.

Essentially there are six models with petrol or diesel engines but only one automatic version and priced from about £16,300 to £24,800 at H1 prices in 2016. Our Prestige sits mid-range with its low emissions turbo-diesel BlueHDi engine.

There is a good spread of pulling power from the 1,600cc engine and so long as you wisely use the six gears it moves along briskly once you are underway from rest.

The clutch has a surprisingly long travel but the lever is satisfyingly direct, underfoot the brakes had strong power but lacked as much progressive feel as I would like.

Behind the powered steering wheel the DS 3 responded with a little deadness but its turning circle was good for town and country use and it was very steady at motorway speed.

Secondary controls were scattered about the fascia and some of the dials were not easy to read, particularly in bright sunlight, which is not what you'd expect in a convertible or Cabrio.

Heating and ventilation was good for an open topped car and the oddments room was adequate but not remarkable.

A very small boot of just 245 litres would seriously limit your awayday adventure so you may want to toss everything on the back seat and go just two-up. You'd have to vote on that.

I also found myself between votes on visibility. The DS was not brilliant when the roof was in place but dropping it simply pushed it all back onto the

top the luggage area and you could see even less behind but more to the sides.

It was easy to get the front seats but the rear pair were more challenging and once seated the knee-room was tight in the back.

The seats were very comfortable and supporting with good adjustment in front and there were good lights and front wipers.

The roof retracted electrically in stages at the push of a button and closed just as easily and you have powered windows as well to make the most of the openness.

The DS 3 Cabrio coped very well with any road conditions, from city streets to country lanes and major roads and with its flexible nature it easily returned 50mpg overall, sometimes a little more or less.

Ride quality was slightly on the firm side, but comfortable nevertheless, and while it did roll around some bends it actually stayed well fixed to the road.

There is no doubt the DS 3 Cabrio is a comfortable choice for a journey, for two anyway, and it's economical yet lively when you want it to be.

The reality is that the market offering four-seater convertibles or cabriolets is really very small in the UK so any model is very welcome and with DS3 CabrioBlueHDi you have a particularly striking and stylish economical car which offers some but few real compromises and gets my vote.

## FAST FACTS

**DS 3 Cabrio 1.6 BlueHDi Prestige**

**Price:** £22,840

**Mechanical:** 120bhp, 1,560cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving front wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox

**Max speed:** 118mph

**0-62mph: 9.4 seconds**

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## MAZDA ADDS EXTRA 6 APPEAL BY: CHRIS RUSSON



IMPROVEMENTS are being made to the Mazda6 as the Japanese car maker gives its large saloon and estate car a mid-life upgrade. A torque vectoring system is being added to give the cars more traction, cabin noise levels are being reduced and some new technology is coming on board. The engine line up, which features Mazda's fuel-efficient SKYACTIV system, remains unchanged with 2.0-litre petrol and 2.2-litre diesels but changes are being made to the diesel to make it more responsive. Additional body insulation is also being fitted to make the cabin quieter. Inside, there's a new-look steering wheel and the new Mazda6 has an updated head-up display using high resolution imagery. There's also a new 4.6-inch full colour TFT driver information screen and a traffic sign recognition system which recognises no entry signs and also gives speed alerts. On the safety front, Mazda has replaced the car's laser operated emergency braking system with a forward sensing camera set up which widens the speed range for detecting other vehicles. Prices for the new Mazda6 range will be announced closer to the on-sale date later this year.

## HONDA'S INSIGHT INTO FUTURE MOTORING

BY: IAN JOHNSON

THERE are few joys in negotiating busy morning town traffic, but just now and again there is a ray of sunshine when you spot a real rarity. This happened to me when I found myself waiting next to one of the most amazing cars that arrived on British shores at the dawn of the 2000s. It was a first generation Honda Insight, the initial production vehicle to feature Honda's Integrated Motor Assist hybrid drive. With its futuristic looks incorporating spatted-in rear wheels, this car was more reminiscent of Thunderbirds than the average British driveway and was regarded at first as an automotive oddity. But the Insight was a main driver into the field of hybrid driving and has become a significant milestone in UK motoring history. It featured optimized aerodynamics and a lightweight aluminum structure to maximize fuel efficiency and minimize emissions. Even as late as 2014 the first generation Insight still ranked as the most fuel-efficient United States Environmental Protection Agency certified petrol-fuelled vehicle, with a highway rating of 74 mpg and combined city/highway rating of 64 mpg. The first-generation Insight was only produced as a two-seater with initially a single trim level, manual transmission and optional air conditioning. The only major change during its life span was the introduction of a trunk mounted, front controlled, multiple-



disc CD changer. In addition to the hybrid drive system, the Insight was small, built of light materials and streamlined with a drag coefficient of 0.25. The petrol engine was a three-cylinder unit of 67bhp and utilised lightweight aluminum, magnesium, and plastic to minimize weight. The electric motor assist gave another 13bhp and a maximum of 49 Nm of torque when called on, with the aim to boost performance to the level of a typical 1.5-litre petrol engine. It also acted as a generator during deceleration and braking to recharge the vehicle's batteries, and as the Insight's starter motor. The Insight was assembled at the Honda factory in Suzuka, Japan. With its aluminum body and frame, the Insight was an expensive car to produce and was never designed for high-volume sales. Instead, it was designed to be a real world test car for hybrid technology and a gauge to new consumer driving habits.

## IGNIS REIGNITED BY SUZUKI BY: CHRIS RUSSON



launched only a few months ago and brought back a name it last used almost 20 years ago - the Ignis will have a hybrid powertrain for added economy as well as lightweight underpinnings for the body. Suzuki will also be revealing a revised version of the SX4 S-Cross at the Paris show. The facelifted model - which comes with a striking new front grille and other styling revisions - features 1.0-litre and 1.4-litre Boosterjet direct-injection turbo engines that replace the existing 1.6 petrol unit. The 1.6 DDiS engine will stay in the new S-Cross range which will be launched in the UK in mid-October. The last time Suzuki had an Ignis in its range was eight years ago when the name was used on a medium-sized hatchback which was on sale in Britain from 2003 to 2008.

ANOTHER blast from the past is on the way from Suzuki which is reviving the Ignis name for its new compact crossover. The new-look Ignis will have its debut next month at the Paris Motor Show before going on sale next January. Like the new Baleno hatchback - which Suzuki

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## KEEN PRICE FOR NEW AUDI CROSSOVER

By: Chris Russon

Audi's new Q2 crossover will cost from £20,230 when a 1.0-litre model joins the line up later this year.

The company has announced it will also be releasing a high specification first edition version when the newcomer arrives in November.

The initial range will be priced from £22,380 for a 1.4-litre petrol Q2 in SE trim with other derivatives being rolled out into 2017.

As well as the three-cylinder 1.0-litre model Audi plans to introduce 2.0-litre turbo quattro Q2 by the middle of next year.

All models will be fitted with full smartphone connectivity and Audi's new electro-mechanical power steering system which changes the feel of the vehicle depending on the speed.

The range topping Q2 Edition #1 will be priced from £31,370 and will be finished in a two-tone grey colour scheme with 19-inch alloy wheels and leather sports seats.



## POWER HIKE FOR NEW RANGE ROVERS

By: Chris Russon



THE most powerful Range Rover to date will be going on sale by the end of the year.

The SVAutobiography Dynamic has a 5.0-litre supercharged V8 engine with 550 horsepower on tap – and a price tag starting at £132,800.

Created by Land Rover's new Special Vehicle Operations division, the potent Range Rover shares its engine with the Range Rover Sport SVR and has a 0 to 60 acceleration time of 5.1 seconds.

With a revised suspension set up to handle the added power the car sits half-an-inch lower than the standard model.

It is also fitted with electronic Dynamic Response and Adaptive Dynamics systems to improve body control – and is the first Range Rover to feature red brake Brembo calipers.

High performance styling features include a quad exhaust system and the car is available with a choice of 21 or 22-inch alloys.

Land Rover is also introducing a 3.0-litre supercharged V6 petrol

engine into the new Range Rover line up. Developing 340ps it gives the vehicle a 0 to 60 time of 7.1 seconds with emissions of 248g/km equating to 24.6mpg.

Other revisions for the new Range Rover series include additional driver safety features such as autonomous emergency braking and lane departure warning as standard.

The new line up is priced from £76,350 for the TDV6 diesel – an increase of around £500 over the current model

## SHARP NEW i30 REVEALED BY HYUNDAI

By: Chris Russon

HYUNDAI has released teaser images of its new i30 hatchback which is due to have its world premiere prior to the Paris Motor Show in September.

The car, a rival to the Ford Focus, builds on the Korean company's new design theme created by styling chief Peter Schreyer and first seen on the larger Tucson SUV.

Schreyer says the car has been designed with European tastes in mind and it will be built at the Hyundai factory in the Czech Republic.

"The new Generation i30 is a car for everybody," said Schreyer, who is now the president and chief design officer of Hyundai Motor Group.

"From a design perspective, we haven't just considered one customer; we have focused on a wide range of different people."

"This model showcases an evolution of Hyundai Motor's design language with natural flowing lines, refined surfaces and a sculpted body to create a timeless appearance. We are also introducing our further developed grille: the Cascading grille."

The current i30, which arrived in the UK four years ago, has proved to be a popular seller and has helped boost Hyundai's small car range which also includes the i10 city car.

Last year, Hyundai sales grew by more than three per cent in Britain and the company is close to selling 100,000 models a year putting it into the top 10 car brands.

The new model, which will be the third generation i30, will be revealed on September 7 in Germany before its public debut at the Paris show at the end of the month.



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# Haynes back in Grand Prix event

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**KICKBOXER Kelly Haynes will be taking part in the first women's K1 tournament in the Muay Thai Grand Prix at the O2 Arena in London.**

There will be two preliminary rounds before the winners from each contest go head-to-head in the same evening for the final.

The first two fights will consist of three, two-minute rounds and the final will consist of three, three-minute rounds.

The fight is on the main card with some top fighters.

Kelly, 32, said: "I had more than 80 sponsors at my last fight at the O2 and my fight was joint loudest in terms of audio levels with another one at the Muay Thai Grand Prix!"

"My supporters have been amazing during training and the fights.

"I've already had requests for tickets and it is thought that nearly 150 supporters from Milton Keynes will be coming on my journey to support me battling it out at the tournament.

"I am delighted to have the support from my friends at Wealth Dragons.

"I am their K1 champion Health Dragon and would like to personally thank Vincent Wong and John Lee

for their kindness, encouragement and wisdom during my career. It has all been a valuable part of my power team and I am truly grateful to them.

"It's tough training for the fight in the school holidays as I'm trying my best to ensure my son gets to enjoy time with his mum, doing as many activities as possible and ensuring his school holidays are enjoyable.

"Juggling work too between everything else that I do is sometimes stressful but my family and friends are helping where they can, which is definitely making things easier.

"As I do in every fight, I will once again step into the ring to create a storm.

"I'll be putting my heart and power into this tournament and once again thank you to everyone for their support. I hope I do you all proud."

The event will take place at the Indigo O2, which is part of the O2 Arena, on Saturday, October 15.

Tickets cost £30, which includes the main card at 7pm, food and drink and a VIP table, from [www.axs.com](http://www.axs.com).

The Bletchley fighter defeated Sara Day in her last bout, which took place two months ago.

Kelly is currently the British K1 kickboxing champion at the Under 55 kilogram level.



Fight night: Bletchley kickboxer Kelly Haynes is looking forward to her next O2 fight night, which takes place in October

## CRICKET

### New Bradwell title hopes are given a knock

NEW Bradwell's Four Counties League hopes suffered a blow when they lost by 70 runs to North Crawley.

In the first innings North Crawley posted 209.

Harry Singh wasn't offered much support in reply as New Bradwell were bowled out for 139, with Singh scoring 53.

Aspley Guise lost by 89 runs to Elstow, while Milton Keynes secured a draw with

Eaton Bray. Vishal Naik's score of 79 not out helped New City to 232-7 and 4-17 from Manjit Singh in the second innings helped City to a 77-run win over Olney Town.

Hayden Symmonds' six-wicket haul helped Great Brickhill dismiss Banbury Seconds for 199 and in the second innings scores of 97 from Mark Nelson and 51 by Graeme Carter gave Brickhill a

five-wicket success. In Division Two, Wolverton Town lost by six wickets at the hands of Cropredy.

In the Northamptonshire Cricket League, Stony Stratford defeated Wollaston by two wickets as Kamran Anwar struck 11 fours on his way to a critical score of 53.

Opener James Pickles' 42 also helped as Stony reached their target of 239 in the 43rd over of the game.

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# Agard marks debut with a brace in draw with Millwall

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**MK DONS' record signing Kieran Agard enjoyed a scintillating debut as he scored twice in the 2-2 draw with Millwall.**

The 26-year-old believes the team's never-say-die attitude helped them come away with a valuable point against Millwall, who look like they will be challenging at the top end of the table this season.

The signing from Bristol City produced two goals – a lovely finish and a good header – to make it 2-2 and he was pleased with his debut on Saturday.

"I'm delighted to get two goals on my debut and more importantly to come away with the result," said the former Rotherham United man.

"At two goals down I thought the team were magnificent.

"You've got to have that never-say-die attitude and I thought we could have won it in the end.

"The first one I just tried to get out my feet and the second one I saw the keeper hesitate so there was only one option for me and that was trying to get my head on it and get it over him.

"As a goalscorer I love any goal and I'm delighted to score two."

Agard has won promotion from League One twice with Rotherham United and Bristol City and he now hopes to bring that success to Dons.

"We're all ambitious in the changing room and hopefully I can bring some of that success here.



New man: Dons manager Karl Robinson welcomes club record signing Kieran Agard

"The fee is nothing to do with me I'm just here to score goals.

"The lads have been so welcoming and everyone has been magnificent helping me to settle in.

"I take each game as it comes.

"We take great confidence from this game and hopefully we can get the result that we want."

Dons entertained Bradford City last night in another game that would give Karl Robinson's men a good indicator

of where the squad is, with the Liverpoolian hinting that he wants to bring in two more players.

Dons are at Rochdale on Saturday and travel to Reading in the EFL Cup on Tuesday night.

## GREYHOUND RACING



## Will track play host to derby?

WITH the future of the sole remaining greyhound track left in London currently hanging in the balance, Towcester Racecourse could be in the running to play host to the sports premier event – the Greyhound Derby in 2017.

A decision regarding the future of the track in Wimbledon is expected within the next couple of weeks and, if as is widely expected, firm planning consent is granted for housing in conjunction with a new football stadium for AFC Wimbledon, racing would likely cease there soon after Christmas, potentially paving the way for it to come to Towcester.

## BADMINTON

## Langridge and Ellis will go for Olympic bronze

CHRIS Langridge and Marcus Ellis will compete for Olympic bronze tomorrow after they were beaten by Chinese men's duo Fu Haifeng and Zhang Nan 14-21 18-21 yesterday.

They will take on Chinese pair Biao Chai and Wei Hong and they have the chance to win a first Olympic medal since Gail Emms and Nathan Robertson in 2004.

Rajiv Ouseph believes anything is possible after becoming the first British man to reach the last eight of the badminton men's singles at the Olympics. Ouseph had never beaten Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto in their five previous encounters but kept his nerve to advance to the quarter-finals 21-13, 14-21, 21-16 on Monday evening.

It completed a historic day for British badminton, with Chris Langridge and Marcus Ellis earlier reaching the men's double semi-finals.

"That was very tense but I knew it could be my last match so I just gave it everything," said Ouseph.



"I've played him a few times and never won but I've won the important one now. I didn't have any fear, the way the draw worked out this was probably my best chance.

"Winning that first game settled the nerves and calmed me down, but I dropped my level a bit in the second game. I'm really proud with how I came back there to close it out.

"As I get older I learn more about myself and I know to play

to my strengths."

Ouseph will play Denmark's Viktor Axelsen, the European champion and world bronze medallist, today for a place in the semi-finals.

"It's the quarter-finals of the Olympics so a pressure situation for both of us but I'll give it my best shot," he added.

"I've beaten him once but I've lost quite a few as well but all those matches don't mean anything now."

## sport briefs

### NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town beat Oadby Town 2-0 in their opening United Counties League Premier Division fixture with goals coming from Adam Pryke and Darryl Smith. In Division One Olney Town drew 2-2 at Long Buckby AFC thanks to goals from Aaron Murrell and Vincent Shrieves.

### GOLF

MILTON Keynes-based junior golfer Joseph Amer is to defend his national title when he takes on the latest set of qualifiers for the American Golf Junior Championship today under the gaze of Sky Sports cameras. Junior golfers from all over the UK and Ireland have been taking part in qualifying events all summer to win a place at the 2016 finals to be held once again at the headquarters of golf giant PING – Gainsborough Golf Club in Lincolnshire. The 17-year-old Abbey Hill Golf Club member said: "I am looking forward to defending my title but know the field of competitors will be tough. Last year's competition was an amazing experience to play in and I am hoping it will be no different this year."

### RUGBY LEAGUE

MK WOLVES will contest the East RL playoff final on Saturday at Kempston Park against Southend Spartans.

### ICE HOCKEY

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### BADMINTON

THE AJ Bell National Badminton League (NBL) season three will start on October 17 after the fixtures for the new 2016/17 season were confirmed. There will be no Milton Keynes team as there has been in previous years, with Bristol Jets taking over their place, but most of the players train in the city, including the Adcocks, Rajiv Ouseph, Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge.

### ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club's youngsters represented Buckinghamshire in the South of England Inter-Counties Championships in Kingston on Thames. Moyin Oduyemi won the U13 girls 100m.



# Rutherford: 'I didn't come here to win bronze medal'

BY MARK TAYLOR  
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**GREG Rutherford could not hide his frustration at missing out on defending his Olympic title in a pulsating long jump competition in Rio in the early hours of Sunday morning.**

And the 29-year-old Woburn Sands athlete admitted that winning the bronze medal was difficult to take.

Rutherford was the man to beat having won the Olympic gold in London four years ago.

He made a good start to the competition, banishing the nerves of qualifying to leap to 8.18m with his first effort.

By the end of the second round he was in third place, with just 5cm separating the top five jumpers.

Rutherford extended his distance to 8.22 to move back into second, only to foul his fourth jump – which ended up being a controversial decision.

After South Africa's Luvo Manyonga had taken the lead with 8.37m, USA's Jeff Henderson leapt to 8.38m to knock Rutherford out of the medals.

But with a terrific show of character,

Rutherford earned the bronze with a jump of 8.29m, as Henderson won and Manyonga was second.

However, that was not enough to satisfy Rutherford.

He said: "It was very frustrating. Obviously I come into these competitions to win them.

"I'm pleased on the last jump I mustered what energy I had left to take me from fourth to a medal position but it's still not good enough.

"I felt good coming into this, everything was going pretty well.

"I come to these championships to win. I don't come here to win bronze medals, silver medals or whatever else. I come here to win so then when I don't, that's very, very difficult.

"I don't believe anybody out there was better than me, nothing crazy happened. It's just I didn't quite get it right today and that's difficult.

"Ultimately, I didn't jump long enough and that's again very difficult for me to take, but it is what it is I guess, I've just got to make do and move on from that.

"It's a very difficult bronze medal to take."



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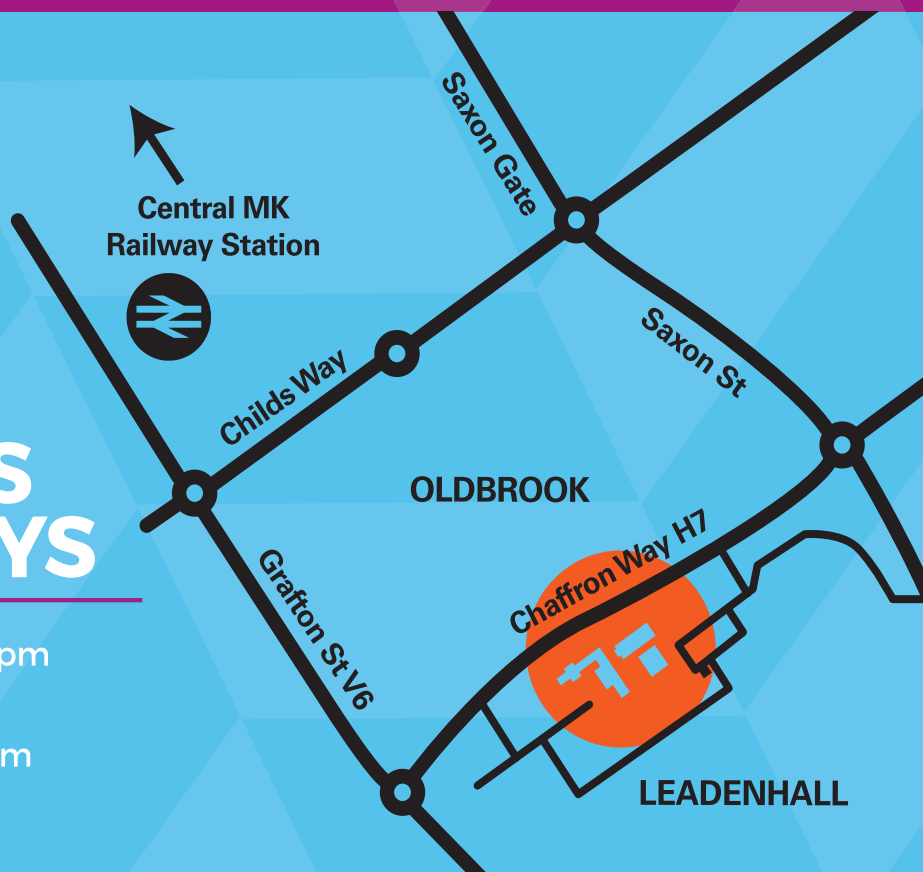
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